Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) sent a letter to President Obama, calling for a full accounting of the Libyan conflict and the costs to taxpayers.

"Just as we're struggling to cut federal spending and bring down our national deficit, we're also faced with the challenge of managing two military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. If we're going to be involved in Libya, we must know how much a third military conflict will cost us," said Rep. Braley. "I know I'm not the only who's asking these questions – Speaker Boehner, for one, has also expressed his concerns – and I think it's important that the President give us and all American taxpayers an accurate answer on this issue. I will always stand with people fighting for freedom and democracy around the world, and I know both President Obama and Speaker Boehner would too. But America has to address many important challenges right here at home – with spending as the most critical one. And before we spend any money abroad, I want to know how much it's going to cost us."

A copy of Rep. Braley's letter is available here.